

workload is directly proportional to population of the County and population is growing very rapidly.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Schloeder. Delegate Schloeder, you have eight and a half minutes left to allot.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Thank you, sir.

At this time the Committee yields three minutes to Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. Chairman, we have heard a lot of talk about improvements with no regard to the degree of money. Today, or last night for the first time, we talked about how much all this is going to cost. I would suggest that if the cost of \$18,000 or \$20,000 to the county every four years is going to be a major consideration, let's start from page one and do this all over again.

We are talking about visibility and about getting quality in office. After all the testimony that we heard, we concluded that perhaps the system used in the City of Baltimore is the best one after all. No one has attempted last night or today to answer the example given about Ruby's theory, or whatever that name was, up in North Carolina about the ferry boat coming into the dock. What do you do about the situation where a bad candidate on a local level attaches himself to a good candidate on the state or national level? He merely rides in on the coattails and no one realizes what they have done for the first six months. After that, they wonder how they could have been so stupid in the first place to elect him to office. But that's the way it is done. It is done nationally and and we are trying to stop it by what we have done in our majority recommendation.

Using Delegate Hanson's theory of attaching the two levels of government together, let us say we carry this to the ultimate. Why do we not simply have one election every four years? That way we can elect everybody from the president to the dogcatcher and put everybody into one caoodle. If we worry about congressmen every two years, we can use a system of commissioners and have commissioners picking the Congressmen during the off-year election time.

Ladies and gentlemen, we gave this thing a lot of thought. We considered it from

every aspect. We worried about the money. We worried about visibility. After listening to all testimony, we concluded the best way to do this thing is to make every candidate on every level stand on his own two feet. If he has a good program, if he can sell it to the people, he will get himself elected. He will not merely be the residue of a larger ticket on the next higher scale.

I would like to answer just one more argument put forth by the minority. Using offices as stepping stones appears to be a terrible thing. This goes on again at every level. United States senators run for president. Governors run for president. There is no harm in this. I find good in this. I find good in the fact that a man would use his experience and his time in office as a stepping stone for the next higher office. I find this good and not bad. We ask you to support the majority recommendation.

Thank you.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes to allot two minutes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I would like to withhold those two until Delegate Schloeder has completed.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Mr. Chairman, at this time, the Committee would like to yield three minutes to Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, what we are trying to do here is to establish, I think, strong local government that will set its own policy and one where the people will be aware of the problems.

I think this is one area where we can help that. I think we should look at the cold, practical politics for a minute and not be ridiculous when we say it makes no difference on whose ticket you run. I well know from my political experience that some will pay dearly to get on someone's ticket if it is the right ticket. It makes no difference if the ticket includes a national or state candidate, or if the candidate is running in a local election.

I know, for example, in our county of a person who got on a ticket merely to fill a slot, and was carried into office. He resigned after being elected because he did not want the office. He was on a winning